

Fred Corey House
River Street Historic District
79 N. River Street
San Jose
Santa Clara County
California

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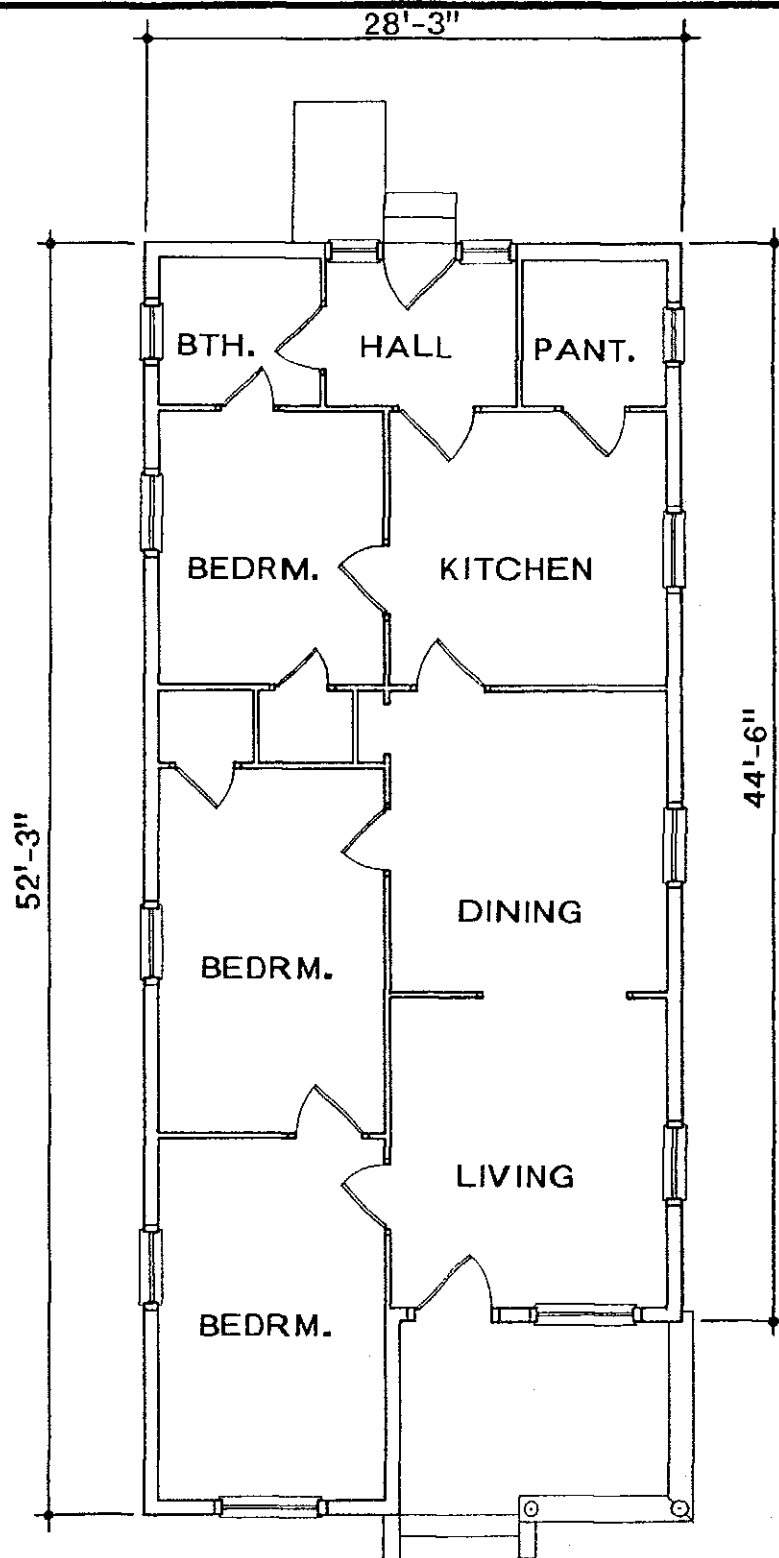
HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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- Location: 79 North River Street, River Street Historic District
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UTM Coordinates: 10-597705-4132260
- Significance: The Fred Corey House, due to its architectural integrity and contribution to the urban fabric, forms an integral part of the River Street Historic District, a rare intact late nineteenth century and early twentieth century working class neighborhood in San Jose.
- Description: This house is a one-story rectangular wood framed residence with two intersecting gable roofs. The house is clad in channel rustic siding and features stylistic elements from two different eras. The quoins and the cornice moldings identify this house as a late-nineteenth century building. The Craftsman-like front roof overhang was probably the result of an early twentieth century remodelling. The front elevation features a large wood window with a 14-light transom. The attic window on the front elevation consists of 12 panes and echoes the main window below. The typical side windows are wood two over two double hung. In plan, the three bedrooms and bathroom are aligned along the southern wall while the living, storage, kitchen, and dining areas lie along the northern wall. This is one of the few houses in the district with a relatively original rear elevation.
- History: The house was constructed around 1885 and was occupied for many years by Fred W. Corey, an Iowa-born conductor for the Southern Pacific Railway Company. Fred and his wife Mollie first occupied the house in 1911 and remained there until 1919, when the house became a rental property. Mrs. Corey was listed as the owner in 1924. Later tenants included H.H. Miller, a driver for a chemical company, from 1923 to 1925 and Leonard and Lulu Wall, from 1934 to 1938. Leonard Wall was a porter for the Renzel Grocery Store. Judd L. Lawson, who occupied 81 North River Street, lived here briefly in 1930 before returning to the other house in 1931. Although probably remodelled from its original design, the house is largely unchanged from its early twentieth century design.
- Sources: California Historic Resources Inventory Form, prepared by Stephen D. Mikesell, 1988.
San Jose City Directories.
San Jose 1924 Block Map.
- Historian: Hardlines: Design & Delineation
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FIRST FLOOR PLAN

1/8" = 1' - 0"